**Supplies:**

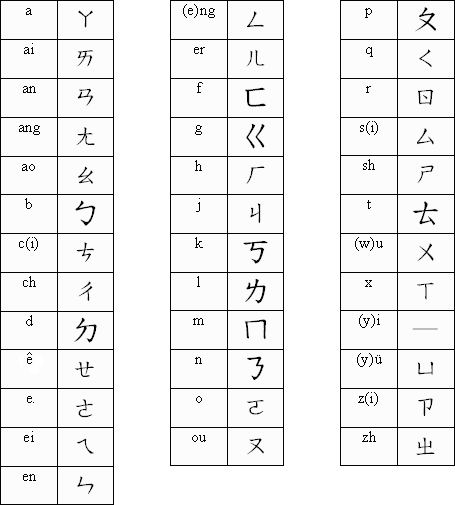
**Alphabet, below | calligraphy pen & ink, or tempera paint & sponge brush**

**Plain printer paper or rice paper | Colored pencils, crayons or markers**

It's amazing to see how different the alphabet is in English and in Chinese. Study these letters and sounds from a version of the phonetic, or sound-based, Chinese alphabet. Practice making the strokes on a piece of scratch paper. Does yours look somewhat like the example? It takes many years to be able to write words in Chinese so that they are clear and readable.

Underneath the alphabet is the Chinese symbol for "tiger." Since 2010 is the Year of the Tiger (the Chinese New Year is Feb. 14), once you've had some practice, copy this symbol on a blank piece of paper, and then draw a picture of a tiger underneath it. Color with colored pencils, crayons, or markers.

Last, but not least, using a pencil, sign your name in Chinese characters!



Now here is the symbol for "tiger":



Here are some pictures of a tiger that might help you draw yours:

 [](http://www.modusvivendi.it/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/tiger-regal.jpg)